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SUBJ: CONVERSION OF HEROIN TO MORPHINE AND CODEINE; POSSIBLE SALE
OF HEROIN TO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

REF: (A) STATE 175144 (B) BANGKOK 20880 (C) STATE 197939

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S CALL ON THE THAI MINISTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH ON NOV 22 (REF D) HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SALE
OF SEIZED MORPHINE AND HEROIN TO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES. THE
THAI HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF DISPOSAL, AND WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED THIS
MATTER WITH THE EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY (REFS A AND C), BUT, WHILE
WE HAVE ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OF OPIUM, AND CONVERSIONS
OF OPIUM TO OTHER DRUGS, WE HAVE NONE REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF
HEROIN OR THE POSSIBILITY OF SALE TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS (REF B).

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY TECHNICAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
CAN PROVIDE ON CONVERSION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF HEROIN TO MORPHINE
AND CODEINE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES MENTIONED IN REF C, SO THAT WE CAN
PASS THEM TO THE THAI.

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